

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejection and further examination are requested.

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 11-16 include allowable subject matter.

Claims 5-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Asano (US 6,636,181) in view of Crawford (US 6,456,245).

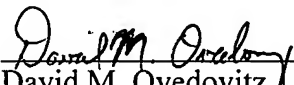
In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, allowable claim 11 has been amended to include the features of claim 5 and allowable claim 14 has been amended to include the features of claim 7. Further, claims 5-10 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. As a result, only allowable claims remain pending in the application.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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